



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 642

A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 28, 2001

SUMMARY

H.R. 642 would reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The bill would establish a program to provide grants and technical assistance to state, local, and nonprofit entities for the restoration of fisheries and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. It also would direct NOAA to conduct a five-year study of living resources in the bay and to develop a management strategy for them. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$6 million annually for fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend \$4 million in fiscal year 2002 and a total of \$30 million over the 2002-2006 period on the activities authorized by H.R. 642. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 642 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 642 is shown in the following table. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted during fiscal year 2001 and that the entire amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on information provided by NOAA. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	3	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	6	6	6	6	6
Estimated Outlays	0	4	6	6	7	7
Spending Under H.R. 642						
Authorization Level ^a	3	6	6	6	6	6
Estimated Outlays	3	5	6	6	7	7
a. The 2001 level is the amount appropriated for that year.						

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 642 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Eligible local governments could benefit from the grant funds authorized by this bill, which would fund up to 75 percent of the cost of certain restoration projects. Any costs incurred by those governments to match the federal funds would be voluntary.

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